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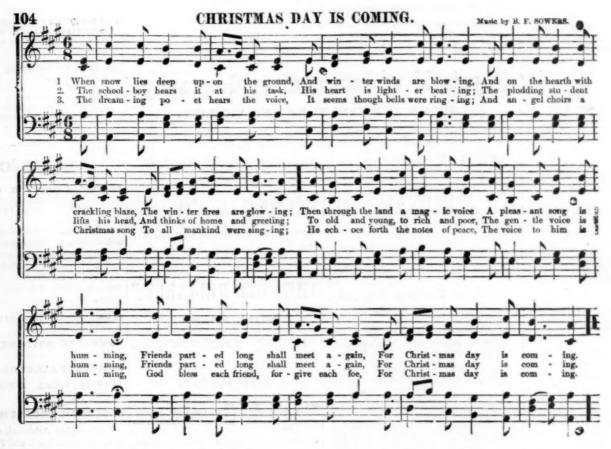
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Fig. 2.

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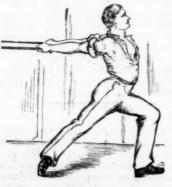


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During the excitement of 1845 there was a great deal of talk about a sort of French "spring-heeled Jack," who used to leap the walls, dig out the bodies, cut them up, and leave the pieces strewn about the grass, or hanging about the trees. Watch was kept, mastiffs were let loose, springguns were set; but it was not till after several months that Sergt. Major Bertrand, who had gone into the hospital with a number of strange wounds in the back, was proved to be the "vampire." According to his account it was a periodical madness which forced him to leap the cemetery walls, to tear bodies with his unhelped hands, and to dismember them. The dogs sneaked off when he walked straight up to them, which does not say much for French dogs; and it does not say much for the "gardiens" that he had never come across a living creature while he was at work. The spring-guns he had, till his last attempt, managed to scent out and render harmless. For days after his ghastly exploit the poor creature used to be bowed to the ground with bodily and mental exhaustion. He was imprisoned for a year, (the Code does not, it seems, enforce a severer penalty for rifling a tomb,) and they say he was quite cured, and became possibly, model non-commissioned officer, All the Year Round.

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Indian corn in North Germany often assumes a place among the household plants. It is regarded there as tropical. In the United States it becomes tropical only under the name of Bourbon, and then it warms a man up so that he feels as if he were under the tropic of Capricorn.

THE SENTENCE OF THE SAVIOUR.

A correspondent of Notes and Queries (London) writes:—Can any of your correspondents inform me whether the enclosed extract from the Kolnsche Zeitung is based on sound authority, and what that authority is? also, where and when was the Kolnische Zeitung published?

CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF THE SENTENCE OF DEATH PROUNCED AGAINST JESUS CHRIST.

The following is a copy of the most nemorable judicial sentence which has ever been pronounced in the an-nals of the world—that of death against the Saviour — with remarks which Le Doit has collected, and the knowledge of which must be interesting in the highest degree to every Chrisit has ever been made public in German papers. The sentence is word for word as follows :-

Lower Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death by the cross.

In the seventeenth year of the Em-

peror Tiberius, and on the 26th day of nnanis and Caiphas.

Pontius Pilate, intendent of the pro-vince of Lower Galilee, sitting in judgment in the presidential seat of the prætor, sentences Jesus of Nazarth to death on a cross, between two robbers, as numerous and notorious estimonies of the people, prove :-

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2. He has excited the people to sedition.

3. He is an enemy to laws.

4. He calls himself the Son of God.

of Israel. 6. He went into the Temple, followed

Orders the first centurion, Quirilius Cornelius, to bring him to the place

of execution. Forbids all persons, rich or poor, to

revent the execution of Jesus. The witnesses who have signed the execution against Jesus are:-

1. Daniel Robani, Pharisee.

2. John Sorobabel. 3. Raphael Robani.

The sentence is engraved on a plate of brass, in the Hebrew language, and on its sides are the follow words:-"A similar plate has been sent to each tribe." It was discovered in the year 1280, in the city of Aquilla, in the Kingdom of Naples, by a search for the discovery of Roman antiquities, and remained there until it was found by the Commissioners of art in the French army of Italy. Up to the time of the campaign in Southern Italy it was preserved in the sacristy of the Carthusians, near Naples where it was kept in a box of ebony. Since then the relie has been kept in the chapel of Caserta. The Carthusians obtained by their petitions that the plate might be kept by them, which was an ac-knowledgement of the sacrifices which they made for the French army. The French translation was made literally by members of the Commission of arts. Denon had a fac-simile of the plate engraved, which fac-simile was bought by Lord Howard, on the sale of his cablest for a see france. There are not the sale of the cablest for a see france. cabinet, for 2,890 francs. There seems to be no historical doubt as to the au-thenticity of this. The reasons of the ence correspond exactly with those of the Gospel.

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"I am dying for love of three Greek girls at Athens—sisters. I lived in the same house. Teresa, Maruna, and Katinka are the names of the three divinities; all of them under fifteen."

Now, it is very well known that the eldest, Teresa, was the one he addressed as "Maid of Athens," and I am inclined to think that she must at that time have been at least fourteen years of age-a supposition based upon the account given of them by Mr. W. H. Williams in his "Travels in Italy and Greece." Supposing, then, that the Maid of Athens was a little over fourteen years old in February, 1810, she cannot have been much under eighty years of age at the time of her death; and it is not without a her death; pang that I recall Mrs. Black's pover-An appeal was made a few years since in her behalf with but scant, if any, result.

Byron's friends are all gone, save one, the dauntless Edward Trelawny. Byron's servants are all gone, save one, William Childs, a Beadle in gold-en Square. But in their places we have those honorable men who cling to his name, and who have shown their reverence for his memory by a tardy but just endeavor to set him on the pinnaele reared by his towering genius .--London Times.

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I have found that scholars learn to love school exercises, with an intensity that is little realized by their teachers. The steady essure, day after day gradually wears lines of thought, and creates tastes and feelings. It may be considered as a fact, that school work if conducted in a proper spirit and method, is not distasteful, by any means to the scholar. There are exceptions, it is true but the mass of pupils, love to go to school, unless it is made a burden to them. there are ways in which the scholar is led to hate study, and all its associations

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The first is by a harsh and dictatorial man-ser in the teacher. To be made to obey is one thing, to be trodden upon is quite another Many a lad has been whipped soundly at school, only to respect the teacher the m for enforcing obedience to just rules; and many have hated a teacher with an intense hatred, who never struck them a blow The spirit with which the pupil is met, should he that of fairness and open dealing, rather like a helper, than a driver. It is common for many teachers, never to speak unless in a fault-finding way. I can recall a teacher who was of this sort, and who filled me with terror by his fierce voice of command. And I could not get over my astonishment, whe he visited the family where I resided, and I found he could laugh and joke and speak pleasantly enough. The next morning in the school, the school tone, threat, the bullying and the stern orders were heard again. and I considered my teacher to be a double man who put his pleasant face on like a mask he never dropped the stern visage in schooltime. Some teachers are very funkind in their language, and it offends more than the one toward whom it is simed. Recently we saw a boy who was evidently a cripple, coming towards the principal, who said to him in a harsh voice, "Now what are you hobbling up here again for; take yourself off with your game leg. And a boy whose hair was uncombed, was addressed by a lady as "Frizzle-top" "Fashion-plate" eliciting a good deal of laughter from his classmates. things cannot induce a love for the teacher, the class-room, or the school studies.

And heavy burdens will tire and discust even pupils, who have an interested tendency. There are lessons assigned, that the teacher could not well commit. "You will it is said "review from the 20th to the 30th page in geography, and in Arithmetic from the 40th to the 60th paragraph, inclusive."

Pupils can be overworked, and although a teacher may be ambitious, there is a limit to human powers, and if these powers be overtasked, if the pupil sees " Alps on Alps arise' it will conclude to give up the tiresome chase and remain a nobody. "Much study is a weariness to the flesh" is in the Divine Writ, and it is as true as any of the lines there written.

There is such a thing as drilling too much. Some teachers are famous for this and nothing more. I well remember one of these gentlemen. He would assemble the whole school in the large room, and then get all to sit upright. Then by various signals, he would have us rise and sit, march and counmarching, go and return, until we had become a positive machine. I never knew this man to do anything else, besides drill us, as I have described. Now order is indespensible, but everlasting drilling is not, but if the attention that is bestowed on this, were laid out on the pupils, it would be much more serviceable to them. They "go to school to learn," and any machine work that does not facilitate learning useful things, is a hindrance, and should be avoided.

It is the plan of some teachers to render raising to be done. I have had days, when all seemed to feel downcast and low-spirted.

Such things are contagious, and it is important to lift the school over such feelings and such depressions. If he can sing the teacher can do it; but if he has only a class-room, he cannot always apply this sovereign remedy. In such a case, I have told tell an amusing story; I have allowed a pupil to tell the class some interesting incident; I have brought in some odd thing and exhibited it; I have given them a conundram or puzzle.

It is sufficient to say that, the above are ut a few of the many things, that press pupils away from the school-room, Many a boy leaves school, and goes to learn a trade, goes into business' because he "has no taste for study," "dont like to go to school," 'rather stay away from school than go." The determining cause lies back of the pupil, the school is unattractive, distasteful, unpleasant. If this was cured, there would be less call for "Compulsory Education."

For the JOURNAL

A Talk about Elementary Sounds

THE following lesson is especially designed for advanced scholars and young teachers who entered school and passed through the primary grades before Phonic Spelling was fully introduced.

The words all the languages and dialects spoken by various nations are composed of a hundred or more elementary sounds in various combinations. Of these sounds the English language selects about forty-four of which to form its words. All the eighty thousand spoken words represented in Web ster's great dictionary are formed of these forty-four sounds. The simplest division of elementary sounds is into two classes, Vowels and Consonants. Vowels are Free Voice ounds; the voice or tone produced at the larvnx, (the little musical box at the top of the wind-pipe,) is modified by the shape of the cavity of the mouth while the tone is passing, and the various vowel sounds are produced: LONG VOWELS, as heard in the vords, " feel, fail, fare, far, fur, fault, foe. fool;" SHORT VOWELS, as in "fill, fell, fat, fast, fun, fop, omit, pull." In four sentences two of the preceding simple vowels succeed each other so closely that they seem but one sound : these are the COMPOUND yowel sounds heard in " fie, fail, fowl, few?" So there are twenty distinct vowel sounds in the English longuage, eight long, eight short and four compound.

Vowels are all vocal or voice sounds, and though modified, their sounds are unob-structed by the organs of speech, viz: the lips, teeth, tongue or palate; that is, th gans of speech are far enough apart to let the voice pass freely between them.

Consonants are obstructed sounds; s made with the organs of speech touching or nearly so. Fifteen of them, those usually denoted by the letters B, D, J, G (hard), V, TH (as in then), Z, ZH. (the sound of s in azure) L, R, M, N, NG, W and Y, are voice sounds; but the sounds most commonly denoted by P, T, CH, (as in chain), K, TH (as in thin), S and SH are produced by the breath only without tone or voice. The Aspirate represented by H, is not a vowel because it is not a voice sound; nor is it a onsonant, for it is a free sound, being in English not even modified by the organs of

Now let us practice a little on these ele mentary sounds.

Suppose you pronounce the word "me; you first close your lips, and if you then try to say me without opening your mouth, you simply make a humming noise—that is, the sound of the letter m; when your mouth opens you pronounce the vowel sound e. Try to say pee without opening your mouth; you again close your lips, but the slight fact it is scarcely any sound at all; it is a system of health exercise, illustrated with skeleton movements; to accompany sounding the vowel \(\epsilon \). If you attempt the word bee, you stop the voice instead of the G97 Broadway, N. Y. sound you make is very different from m; in the school-room opplessive, by never allow-ing anything joyful, cheerful, and spirit-merely a stoppage of the breath, before

breath before sounding the s. The sounds m, p, and b, then, are sounds stopped by the lips. Next, try some simple words beginning with f and e, as in fie and vie. In saying these you will have to bring your upper teeth close to your under lip, f stopping the breath and v the voice. Next say the words thigh and thy; your tongue should be placed just a little between your teeth. Words that begin with t, d, s, z, n and sh, cause the teeth to be brought near together and the tongue turned near the front part of the uth. Some of these consonants are breath and some are voice sounds. To pronounce key, cut, go and give, you must shut up your throat, or rather bring the back part of y tongue and the soft palate close together. Say ray, and the point of your tongue flies up to the roof of your mouth but does not quite touch, and the voice passes over the end of the tongue before the vowel a is sounded, while in pronouncing lay, the point of the tongue is fixed to the roof of the mouth forcing the sound over the sides of To say we, bring the lips near the tongue. ogether, but not so close as for me. Attempt to say ye, and you will find the tongue nearly filling up the cavity of the mouth, so there is but little space for the voice to pass around it.

There are two consonent sounds which do not begin any word in English, viz: the sound of ng as heard in thing, and the sound of z as in azure, or s in measure. By pronouncing these words slowly, and stopping and prolonging the sounds of the letters ng and s. you will soon understand the position of the organs of speech when making ng

Such practice as the above of the elements of speech will aid you in securing a clear and distinct articulation, a thing which is of the greatest importance, not only in public reading and speaking, but in ordinary conversation. How often does the question "What did you say?" have to be asked by a listener, merely because people have not been taught and do not take pains to open their mouths and use their organs of speech properly in pronouncing their words. There are few things which mark the person of culture more than a clear and correct pronunciation. ELIZA B. BURNS.

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Blood and Breath.

New York City.

One evening as the newsboys were going through the useual exercises in the hall of their comfortable home, under the direction of the Superintendent, Mr. Brace. Mr Henry Bergh, accompanied by Mr. R. J. Living-stone and Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry, entered the room. The boys at once recognized the friend of dumb animals, and gave him a hearty welcome. Mr. Bergh and Mr. Gerry, both addressed the lads, and they were list. ened to with close attention and delight. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Bergh told the boys that it depended upon their own efforts as to the position they attained in this world, and calling to him a bright little lad, who stood near the platform with bare feet, said it depended a good deal on that that lad's on industry and behavior wether in his manhood he slept in the mudgutter, or reposed in the White House at Washington.

The Children's Aid Society at its annual meeting, the President of the Society, Wm. A. Booth, being in the chair, heard the report of the Secretary, C. L. Brace showed that during the past year, there have been provided homes and employment, for 1,853 oys, 1,552 girls, 263 men, and 358 women. The Treasurer reported that during the 22 years of its work the Society had expended \$1,877,569. During 22 years it had established 34 day and evening schools, with an attendance of over 10,000 pupils; had provided homes, mostly in the West, for 4,389 children, besides obtaining situations for many hundred men and women. The reeipts for the year had been \$230,604 46; dis bursements, \$228,832 65; balance, \$1,771 81. The cost of maintaining the 34 industrial schools under the charge of the society has been \$80.401 74.

A regular course of medical lectures is now being given at the above college, corner East 15th street and Stuyvesant square.

This movement on the part of the Eclectic College, is indicative also of the energy and practical go-ahead business tact of the faculty, some of whom, are men of mark and extensive reputation.

The attention of the teachers of this city. and Brooklyn and also of students at the Normal college, is invited to the notice of the Free Class in Phonic Shorthand, organized on Saturday Dec. 4th at the Cooper Institute.

Phonography is on the list of special stues for the higher grades of the Grammar schools, but there are few teachers who com-prehend its elementary principles. Phonography has been promised, for several years past, to the Normal College; but other things deemed of more importance, have crowded from the programme of study therein. Many teachers now desire to obtain, more or less knowledge of the art, and will now have an opportunity of doing so.

The hour for the opening lecture, 12:30 A. M has been selected with reference to the teachers who attend the Normal school on Saturday. As most of the exercises now close at 11: 50 A. M those desiring to attend the Phonography class, can come at once by the 3rd Ave cars, to the Cooper Union,

TEACHER. "Yes, it is above the average. By-the-way [to first boy,] what is the meaning of average.?"

First Bov. "Please, 'm, don't know."

SECOND BOY, "A thing hens lay on." TEACHER. "Nonsense! What do you mean?" SECOND BOY. "Why, father says our hens lay four eggs a day-on an average."

A little seven-year old boy up town, was cently told by his mother that she would start him to school this session. Looking up in great surprise, and shaking his head ominously, he replied, " I can't go to school, I don't spell good enough."

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It is issued twice each month, at \$2.00 per year in advance; to old subscribers, however who paid last January \$2,50, we shall fix the price of renewals at \$1,50 per year. We have decided to have an Imperial Photo-plate (by the Albert-Process) made of the Superintendents of the New York City schools, viz :-Superintendent Kiddle, and Assistant Superintendents Thomas F. Harrison, Norman A. Calkins, John H. Fanning, William Jones, John Jasper Jr, Arthur Mc Mullin and Alexnder J. Schem. This elegant picture will be furnished to all subscribers for twenty-five cents extra ; to others for one dollar. It will

best wishes for your highest success, and prosperity. We ask you to renew your help by promptly renewing your subscriptions, and by sending on the names of other sub scribers.

Yours faithfully in behalf of Education

AMOS M. KELLOGG.

Dedication of the Poe Monument at Baltimore.

In 1865 a movement was instituted by the Baltimore Teachers' Association to erect a monument worthy of the poet's fame, which was effected at Baltimnre, on Wednesday, November 17th, when the ceremonial observances were held. The preliminary exercises took place in the hall of the Western Female High School, in which building the initial movement was taken in October of ten years ago. The exercises began with the singing of the "Pilgrims' Chorus" by the Philharmonic Society. The regular order, according to the programme, was then proceeded with, Professor W. Elliott, Jr., president of the Baltimore City College, first delivering a sketch of the Poe Monument. He said the credit of originating the idea of a monument to Poe is due to Miss Sarah S. Rice, principal of the Western Female High In the Autumn of 1865, Miss Rice, assisted by a dozen young lady graduates of the school, gave a literary entertainment which vielded \$380. This amount, with other contributions from the admirers of Poe. was invested until it reached \$600, when a design of the monument was prepared. Find-ing that the monument would cost more than puble the amount of funds in hand, Mr. Elliot, the chairman of the committee, applied to Mr. George W. Childs, editor of the Philadelphia Ledger, for assistance. A check for the amount required was immediately forwarded, and the execution of the monu ment was at once begun.

After Prof. Elliot had concluded, he introduced Miss Rice, who read to the audience the tributes of respect which had been received from various American poets, and a brief letter from Alfred Tennyson, the poetlaureate of England.

Prof. Henry E. Sheppard, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Baltimore, gave an admirable address upon the genius and literary character of Poe. Mr. J. H. B. Latrobe, and Mr. Neilson Poe, followed in brief ad-

At the conclusion of Mr. Poe's remarks the assembly proceeded to Westminster Churchyard, where the unvailing of the monument took place. The ceremony was performed by Miss Rice and the ladies who assisted her in the first literary entertainment alluded to by Prof. Elliot. The latter placed a chaplet of evergreens upon the monument; Mr. Gill, of Boston, recited "Annabel Lee," and the proceedings were ended by the Philharmonic Society of Baltimore, numbering 100 voices, chanting a dirge, written for the occasion by Mrs. Eleanore Fullerton, known in the literary world under the pseudonym of "Violet Fuller.

The Bible in the Chicago Schools.

THE Board of Education took up this subject at its last meeting and discussed the question fully. An amendment to the rules was introduced which provides for "appropriate singing" at the opening of the schools in the morning. When the motion was seconded, no objection was made, and only one voted against the change. The Chicago Times says :

believes the action of the Board to have been just. He thinks the reading of the Bible in the public schools is not wholesome, but hurtful to the children, because it is done in such a way, as a rule, as to rob their natures of any growing reverence for it that they may be gathering in the home or in the church. He believes it the best plan for the afety of the common school system to make hese concessions to the Catholics on one

these concessions to the Catholics on one hand, and to the freethinkers on the other, that "we may occupy the strongest possible ground if there is to be a fight."

Prof. David Swing believes that the reading of the Bible in public schools is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, which assumes that no religious test shall be sub-intended to be received. mitted to the parents, and, therefore a the children. It deals with men, he_say men, and not as Christians or Jews. Government has no more right to teach Bible than it has to teach the Koran. if the genius of the country permitted the teaching of the Bible in the schools, he would doubt the propriety of continuing the custom, because no valuable moral results ever come from reading a few verses hurriedly in the school-house. The removal of the Bible the school house. The removal of the Bibl from the public schools, he thinks, ma make the churches assume the moral educamay tion of the children, and may stimulate them to greater activity in a field which they have too much neglected.

There are two members still living in New York, who belonged to the first Antique Art School established in America-that was in 1826.

The advancement made in the fine arts in America, finds no parallel in the history of civilization-Ninety years ago, there was not an art school in America, now nearly every important school, has its drawing master, and appliances to instruct pupils, but while drawing and painting, have advanced, very few advantages have been offered to the student in the plastic arts. At the present time, there is not a school devoted to teachng modeling in clay or wax.

This great need is now about to be plied. We learn that Mr. Wilson Mac Don ald, the well known Sculptor, has consented to form a class, and give instructions in the various departments of modeling and sculp

This class will probably be the neucelus of a school of sculptors, and afford the same advantage of instruction in modeling and clay. that students might obtain if they were

studying drawing and painting.
In the proposed class Mr. Mac Donald will find all the material, instruments and appliances that will be necessary for the instructtion of the class. He proposes also to deliver lectures regularly to the class.

Having many applications from refined and cultivated ladies, he has decided to form a class for the winter months, and to lecture regularly upon the various subject connec ted with art-to practically teach the use of clay and how to mould in it.

At the Board of Education.

A letter was received from the President of the Board, stating his inability to be present. Mr. Dowd was called to the Chair, and presided in his earnest and prompt manner very acceptably. Mr. Man (who is a MAN indeed) was absent to the regret of all. There was the general routine of business. One teacher was complained of, for striking a pupil, and we suppose his salary will suffer proportionate to the blow inflicted-the pupils say it costs the teachers about \$5,00 per blow. The Board should for the substantial benefit, of a large number of pupils restore to the principals, the power of inflicting coperal punishment.

The subject of a principal for the Femals Department of Grammar school No. 29 was extensively debated. This case has attracted very much attention, because of the strong claims of each lady for the place. Miss Butts is first assistant in that department and Miss be ready about January 15.

Many religious leaders are disposed to make a fight upon this issue. On the other hand, there are many who are firmly convinced that the holy book has no proper and help, you have given us, during an op-

cords as teachers; both had strong friends among the Trustees and Commission question of preparing for the Centennia came up and a report was made which will be found in substance else where.

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The pupils of all the schools are to be vaccinnated the certificate of a Physician to that effect will be received.

Mr. Klamroth brought up the "Music Question" again, and answered the points made by Mr. Halstead, and printed in last weeks Journal. His motion to go into an election of Musical Superintendent was lost

Quite a number of changes, among the teachers is noticed.

1. Miss Reardon to be Prin of P. S. 12.

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"V. Prin. of P. S. 35, 5. Miss Butts.

" "Prin. " F. D. G, S. 29 6. Mr. E. A Brown for V. P. of G. S. 14. nominated.

" Prin. " G. S. 15 7. Miss Downs nominated.

8. Miss Kaskkamier" V. Prin. "G. ominated.

The retirement of Mr. Abner A. Holly from the Vice principalship of No 14, is greatly regretted by the Commissionersbeing a man of real ability. earnest, 'faithful, industrious, and devoted to his profession

The following note, making suggestions for the Centennial, will be of interest.

To the Editor of the NEW YORK SCHOOL

JOURNAL. Sir:
Hearing that a report was read before the
Board of Education at their latest meeting, recommending that a resume of the system of Public Instruction of this city, be prepared and forwarded to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia next year. I have taken down the following expressions verbatim from the lips of different Commissioners, in the lips of different Commissioners, in in their speeches before the Board:

'I have gave.

"I never saw neither of them but twice."
"Knocked into a cocked hat."
"Have been exceeding interested."
"Many of the girls has been retained." "The one that is not as competent is less

"The other is just as equal to her.'
And I would suggest that these
ons engrossed, handsomely bound and placed among the other contributions, to exhibit the proficiency the Commissioners have attained in using the English language.

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New York City.

The New Commissioners.

Mr. Charles Place has been for many years engaged in commercial pursuits in this and at present is the Treasurer of the New York Mutual Gas Light Company. He held the post of School Trustee in the 12th Ward for a number of years, and is therefore ta-miliar with the duties and needs of the school system of the city. He is a man of active habits, and has liberal views regarding popular education and will to be the right man in the right place.

Lawrence G. Goulding, one of the new Commissioners of Education, just appointed by Mayor Wickham, posseses peculiar fitness for the position to which he has, desevedly, been raised. Possessing a most intimate knowledge of the inner working of schools: keenly alive to the wishes of the teahers, and the welfare of the pupils; hampered by hobbies, controlled by prejudices; liberal and generous in all his dealings; he is a type of what the true school commissioner sh

It is just at this juncture, when the use fulness of the school is threatened by new or unnecessary studies, and the time of the pu pils, already too short for the thorough mas tery of what they are most in need of, continues to be crowded by "ics' and" ologies"

e feel assured that the schools, in everything that is right and just, will have a friend in anything that is wrong, or tends to impair heir efficiency, will have a strong oppor and that as friend or opponet, Mr. Goulding will follow no path, but that of duty and

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Mr. Goulding has been Trustee of the 7th Ward schools for three years past. He is known to the business community as the Publisher of numerous City Directores.

MR. J. GRENVILLE KANE was born in his city, and is connected with many of the old Kickerbocker families. His great grand-6ther, emigrated from Ireland about 1750. and married Miss Sybil Kent, aunt of the ate Chancellor Kent. He is a graduate of Columbia College, and has practiced law for everal years. In 1870 he was appointed ecretary to the Department of Docks, and 1872, a Commissioner in that Department. He brings to the discharge of his important duties in the Board of Education, a cultivated mind, correct apprehension of the trust mmitted to the Commissioners, ability and aprightness of character, to perform his part ith honor to the city and himself.

Mr. ERNEST CAYLUS is a native of France who after residing here some years, married ve believe, Miss De Ruyter, and not long after returned to France, and became one of General Cavagniac's ministry, also editor of the Monitour. Times were stirring in that and, and he was obligsd to flee, escaping by ust one hour only of being arrested by Louis Napoleon, and sent into exile. Belgium was his first stopping place, and from thence he returned to this country, where he has since resided, employing himself as importing erchant. It is believed that he will be valuable accession to the Board as he corectly appreciates the need the people of republic have of knowledge and skilled

A Day in Mrs. Benedict's School.

Our advancement in civilization is more pendent upon the proper education of the girls of the land, than is generally conceded. rentually, society becomes to a great extent what they would have it; and the groundork of the painting that is to portray the aracter of the individual, it is their privi lege to put upon the canvas. Schools in which he future responsibility of those taught erein, is fully understood, and is kept conantly in view, and in which it is earnestly ught to prepare the scholar for the stern alities of after life, merit the patronage and rdial support of every thoughtful parent. It is a lamentable fact that schools of this scription are the exception rather than e rule; and this condition of things cannot exist, without sufficient causes. It is a neral law, that the demand regulates the apply. It is gratifying to know that there ne educators in this particular branch of the work, who have the courage to join iswith a mis-directed popular taste, and who have the ability to conduct a successful mpaign against the opponents of education, its truest sense. Nowhere is this more eftually done, than in the school conducted y Mrs. J. T. Benedict, at No. 7 East Fortyand street, New York, City. Mrs. Bene ct is a lady, whose mature judgment and aried experience well fits her to stand at he head of one of the most successful instims of the kind in the country. She has ent the greater portion of her life in enavoring to create a healthy demand for the gher education of young ladies, and in es dishing a school in which that demand ald be satisfactorily met. That she has ceeded no one will deny who is at all failiar with the methods, and the results she accomplished. Her corps of teachers is mple, and well selected. The musical deent is under the direction of some of most experienced and acceptable instruc-

ions of all classes of our citizens; and when tors the city contains. An excellent oppor to his other qualities, we add the knowledge tunity is here offered to obtain a thorough musical education.

> Particular attention is given to painting nd drawing. Mrs. Benedict seems to cultivate a correct esthetic taste in all her pupils, and thereby materially add to their capacities for enjoyment in after life. To acco plish this end, she secures the services of the best masters in art. An accurate view of the various subjects in this department are pre sented to the school by carefully prepared lectures, and the pieces of art exhibited at various times by the young ladies, testify to the superiority of the instruction given in manual execution.

> One of the most prominent features of the chool is the high character of the various courses of lectures therein delivered. Dr. Labberton, whose success in his particular department, as well as an author of a series of text-books, has given him an extensive reputation, entertain and instructs the young ladies by his lectures on English literature, and on historical subjects. Mrs. Benedict has also been fortunate enough to secure for her pupils the benefit of Dr. Howard Crosby's erudition. Dr. Crosby's lectures are principally upon ethical subjects, and give evidence of the extensive research and careful study for which he is so justly celebated.

We would mention another particular for which the method of instruction in Mrs. Benedict's school is especially commendable It is thought most desirable that there should be a solidity secured in the mental acquirements of the pupils. This is obtained by a thorough mathematical discipline. branches in this department are mainly under the supervision of Prof. J. T. Benedict. Prof. Benedict was formerly a Professor of Mathematics in the College of the City of New York. His labors in that position secured for him the enviable reputation of the most successful teacher of mathematics in the city. Much of the vigor of intellect displayed by the young ladies of this school, is due to Mr. Benedict's through instruction.

The various departments of instruction are so conducted that the subjects taught are presented in their most attractive and practical form. The fact that human nature, as a rule, is averse to labor, is frankly and successfully met. No incentives to duty are presented but the consciousness of duty presented but the consciousness of duty faithfully performed. The system of teaching is such that the pupils perform the tasks imposed, but do not realize the amount of energy expended. There are but few schools of the kind where the scholars perform so great an amount of work, and that so willingly. At the same time care is taken that no one shall put forth more effort, than the taws of good health allow Mrs. Benedict bestows a mother's watchfulness over all placed under her charge. She provides for her pupils, not simply a school and school privileges of the highest order, but also a home. The forbidding elements that so often enter into the organization of schools that are only such, are here wanting. The institution has the appearance of a large but well organized household.

It is sometimes urged as an objection to private schools, for young ladios, that the work done in them is not as thorough as that required in public schools. This is perhaps true as a rule. But Mrs Benedict, by faithful effort, has succeeded in establishing a noticeable exception. She secures for faithfully performed. The system of teach

perhaps true as a rule. But Mrs Benedict by faithful effort, has succeeded in establish by faithful effort, has succeeded in establishing a noticeable exception. She secures for her pupils education, in the hightest sense, and that inferior to none that can be obtained in any school, public or private. It is here sought to combine polite manners and ound learning, and thus form an harmoni-ous whole. No better evidence of the genu-ine merit of the institution need be wanted, than the increased patronage it is receiveing from all parts of the country, and the uni-versal satisfaction it is giving.

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A venerable citizen and native of New York has just passed away, William B. Astor. Mr. Astor had reached the age of 84, and his fortune (chiefly in New York real estate, we believe) is reckoned at more than one hundred millions. He lived a servant of his wealth, and might, if he had chosen, won himself an enduring name by bestowing it to advance the educational facilities of the city. We do not want to seem ungrateful Astor Library, but when we reflect that his immense property has been, in a measure, unproductive of good to this generation, we could have wished that he might have bestowed his wealth somewhat as Peter Cooper did. How large the field is yet!

JUDGE WANDELL utterly disclaims the idea, that his remarks, made at Evening School No 37 (not 36) should be construed, as detracting from the ability and smartness of the Germans; They were made solely for the purpose of encouraging the pupils, to alertness of thought. Because an example was given of thickheadedness in a single Dutchman, the Judge complains that he is charged, with considering them all as such. He claims that he is of German parantage himself, therefor this reason, and because his long service of 21 years, as Trustee of the 16th ward schools, he has a deep interest in the welfare of every child, let hin come from what quarter of the globe he may. The remarks were evidently entirely misuuderstood and we cheerfully do our part to correct the misapprehension that went abroad in the School Journal last week.

Grammar School No. 50.

Ox the 7th inst. Major General George B. McClellan visited, Miss Susan Wrights Department' in school No 50, accompanied by Commissioner William Wood. The General expressed himself, much pleased with the happy intelligent faces of the little ones making a most favorable comparison in this respect, between them and the children of other countries. His remarks though brief, were most pertinent and filicitous: closing with a hearty wish for the entire happiness of the school, and a fervent "God forever bless you my dear children."

The school is greatly indebted to its kind friends for the privileges and pleasures it has in receiving such distinguished visit

Primary School No. 9.

THE Opening Exercises of Primary School No. 9 of which, Miss Kate A. Rogers is prin cipal, took place on Friday the 10th inst.

The building an entire new one, well light ed and ventilated, was handsomely decorated with flags, strips of bunting and flowers.

The exercises consisting of declamations dialogues and songs, were uncommonly well rendered-some of the smallest children taking an active part. The singing was espec ially fine, and the rendering of "Robin Adair" and "John Anderson" by Miss M. L. Adams a friend of the school, willlong be remembered, by those who had the pleasure of hearing them.

The entire Board of School Officers was present, besides prominent members of the Board of Education-a stirring speech from Commissioner Wood, evidently gave great satisfaction to the many teachers and the crowd of visitors present; jndging from the nods and smiles, that passed between them. A few words from Inspector Mills, were lis tened to with marked attention-Dr. Barry chairman of the Local Board presided, assis ted by Frederick C. Wagner, while the Hon. Owen Murphy interested himself in many ways, to make the occasion a success.

At the close of the exercises, a collation was provided to which ample justice was

New York Board of Education.

THE Board met December 15. Present—Commissioners Baker, Beardulee Dowd, Fuller, Hazeltine, Jenkins, Klamroth Patterson, Schell, Traud, Wetmore, Wood, Wilkins, Halsted, Lewis, Vermilye, West, Mathewson. Kelly Absent—Man, and

REPORTS FROM TRUSTRES

From the eleventh ward, nominating Miss Downs Secord for Principal, and Miss Henrietta Kaskamier, for vice-principal, in G. S. No. 15.

From the 21, nominating Elbert A. Brown for vice principal of G. S. No 14.

To Teachers

A communication was received from J. Macklin, and J. O. Alston, Trustees of the 19th ward, stating that reports had been circulated detrimental to their reputation, to the effect, that combinations existed between them and Mr. Katzenbergh. This they deny verylemphatically, and invite the fullest and closest scrutiny into their conduct.

oest scrutiny into their conduct. From eleventh ward, asking to divide the

ommittee room into class rooms.

From the thirteenth asking for piano for branch P. D. G. S. No 4.

From the eighteenth, asking for Umbrella

From the twentieth, arming the twenty platform for G. S. 33. From the twenty third asking for settees in G. S. 60.

To Furniture. From the twentieth, asking for a carpet for

From the ninth, asking for \$1,498 for alteraons &c. in G. S. 3.

From the seventeenth, nominating A. onzales, to teach a class of Cubans, in G. Evening School.

From the twenty-fourth, asking addition compensation for clerk. To By Laws.

From the twenty-ninth, saying that the lots in 56th street, can be purchased to \$25,000, and recommending their purchase. Finance. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Dexter A. Hau kins Esq. asking that the board appoint a time and place, at which he might address time and place, at which he saight address them, on matters pertaining to the administration of the Compulsory Education. Act of which he was the author. Commissioner Jenkins moved to refer it to the Commissioner By Laws.

Commissioner Habsted moved a substitute, which would give Mr. Hawkins a hearing, as he claimed that the scope and spirit of the law had been misconceived. This was lost and it went to By Laws.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF TRU ANCY.

Kept from school by various causes....414 Residences could not be found143 Truants and non-attendants......288 Placed in school......261 To House of Refuge ALEX. M. STANTON.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on teachers, nomina-ng Miss Amy B. Butts for principal of F. G. S. 29.

Commissioner Mathewson said, that he under stood that the comittee on teachers, had not reported the name which had been recom mended by the trustees, and asked if this was the case

Commissioner Hazeltine said the committee on teachers had been investigating this case, for the past four weeks. He should sustain the Trustees if they nominated the sustain the Trustees if they nominated the best person. But if in a case, it is shown that one of the Trustees had never visited the department, another but twice during the year, then it is apparent they are not competent to select a proper candidate. Besides the twenty days have expired, and it is our duty to put some one in the place, and we should, we think, select a teacher who is most familiar with the details of the department and therefore we have sent in the name of Miss Butts.

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Commissioner Matthewson said that Miss Wright the nominee of the majority, had had an experience of twenty three years, and that Miss White who had just resigned held an inferior position, in the same deparment to Miss Wright. He thought it was doing injustice to the Trustees, to ignore thire wishes. nove thire wishes.

Commissioner Fuller said that Miss Butts, was in the line of promotion, had an excel-lent recod, and was well acquainted with the details of the department. She had been then twenty-two years, and deserved pro-

motion. If she were promoted then the rest of the teachers in that department, would be advanced one step. If Miss Wright were in the place of Miss Butts he would certainly

advocate her appointment.

Commissioner Wetmore said that the affairs of the Grammar School29, had always interof the Grammar School29, had always interested him, especially the female department. There was an enemy to that school, and one who would be glad to break up the school if possible. He had threatened the girls should be cut off from church priveleges if they went there. Therefore, it became necessary to select some one whom the girls knew. He thought therefor, the selection of Miss Butts would be best. The Ex-Principal of the male department had been loyal pal of the male department had been loy to his assistant, but he thought he had use

to mis assistant, that he thought he had used too much influence in the matter. Commissioner Halstead said that before the Trustees had their meeting it was under-stood that Miss Butts was to be nominated as principal, but for some reason when the on account of some influence

Trustees met on account of some influence hiss Wright was nominated.

Commission Kelly said that he intended to vote one nominated by the majority of Trus-tees. He thought much out side influence had been used in favor of Miss Butts because she had many friends. He thought the Trustes had been unjustly represented here: he knew them to be honest men. The question being called for, Miss Butts as elected.

From the committee on Teachers mending the appointment of Miss Maria E Reardon, for Principal, and Miss Catherine Brophy, Vice Principal of P. S. 12. Commissioner Hazeltine said the attend-

n ce was rapidly increasing, that the num-ber last week was 400, and the school would ser if it did not have a vice principal. sser On vo voting.

From Committee on supplies recommening acing Mc Detmott's 12 inch Globe, to put applies. Adopted supplies.

From the committee on New Schools, de e applicaton to have a colored sel:col Harlem.
From the Committee on the course of stud-

y, suggesting the expediency of making the attempt to represent at the Centennial Exhi-

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The paper in all exhibited, to be of uni-

To carry out the above properly, Committee estimates an expense of \$1500 to \$2000.

The report was ordered to be printed. From the Normal School Committee ask

ng for an appropriation of \$600. Finan From the Finance Committee a ting \$1876 to improve the grounds and College.

A Finance Committee appropria-Adopted.

From School Furniture, authorizing Trus-ees of nine-teenth ward to advertise for protees of nine-teenth ward to advertise posals for desks for G. S., 18 and 53.

From Committee on Buildings, recommending paying janitor of No 38, \$90 for rent.

Adopted.

From Committee on Evening Schools, recommending the appointment of Miss Maggie darvin as principal of Female Evening School No. 38.

Adopted.

From Committee on Teachers, recommending the appointment of Miss Josephine Cozuns, as Vice principal of P. S., No. 35.

Adopted.

The Committee on By- Laws recommer ding that the Trustees of the 22 ward be authorized, to close M. D. G. S., No. 5. at such times as may be necessary to complete

the repairs in progress, without detriment to the salaries of the teachers. Adopted.

From the Committee on By-Laws, recommending the discharge from further consideration of the case of John Apman.

Adopted.

From the same recommending changing "Normal Schools" when it occurs to "Normal College." Adopted. From Finance Committee, recommending appropriation of \$1,498 to alter class rooms in G. S. 3.

From same recommending appropriating \$600. to pay bills of Normal College.
Adopted.

Finance Committee, appropriating 2 to erect a new school building on \$40, 943 to erect a new school building Courtland Avenue, near Third Avenue. Adopted

nissioner Klamroth, called up the "Music Question" again, and took up the points made by Commissioner Halsted at the last meeting and remarked on each of them. He said the Board had been overawed by outside parties, after it had marked out a plan. The Trustees had nothing to do with directing the movements of this Board. And as for the principal, he said the schools were made for the pupils and not for the teachers. He moved to go into an election of Musical Director, and leave the assistant at another time.

Adjourned.

For the JOURNAL

The School Master Abroad.

THE VALE OF WYOMING .- THE COAL MINES OF PENNSYLVANIA-HOW THE MINES ARE WORKED, &c.

DEAR JOURNAL:-I am spending an entire reek in this delightful region of the Key Stone State, and am hoarding up much mental treasure for future use, as well as a large stock of experience for coming events.

This charming valley of Wyoming so rich in rural beauty, and so dark in historic record, is about forty-three miles long and from three to five wide; the Susquehanna sweeps through it, a shallow, narrow and crooked stream choked up by sand bars, and impeded by numerous small islands.

Standing upon the summit of Pine Ridge on a bright and mellow afternoon of one of our late October days, I had an extended view of the landscape from Pittston on the north, where the valley opens, to a point far below Wilkesbarre in the south, some ten miles or more, where the hills in sunlight stretch away; the purple haze of these Autumn days, settling over mountain, dale and stream added a new charm to the picture, building up the fancy like a scene from fairy land. Just beyond and opposite nestled the little village of Wyoming, standing upon the battle ground, and the scene of the massacre that occurred here during the

After enjoying this glorious panorama for a length of time. I crossed over the river and approached the place whree the battle had been fought, and where a monument now stands to mark the site of the sanguinary conflict.

I read the inscription :- " Near this spot, as fought on the 3d of July, 1778, the battle of Wyoming, in which a small band of patriotic Amraicans, chiefly the undisciplined, the youthful and the aged, spared by inefficiency from the distant ranks of the Republic led by Col. Zebulon Butler, and Col. Nathan Denison with a courage that deserved uccess, fearlessly and bravely fought a com bined British, Tory and Indian force of thrice their number. Numerical superiority alone gave success to the invader, and wide spread havoe, desolation and ruin marked his savage and bloody footsteps through the This monument commemorative of those events, and in memory of the actors in them, has been erected over the bones of the slain by their descendants, and others who gratefully appreciate the services and sacrifices of their patriot ancestors."—"Dulce et decorum est Pro Patria Mori."—Then follows the names of two field officers, ten captains, ten lieutenants, six ensigns and one hundred

and fifty privates who yielded up their live on the altar of their country's liberty.

While visiting the schools about here, I embraced the opportunity to take a look into the coal mines, of which their are a number. While standing on a hill near Wilkesbarre. I counted twenty-six collieries in operation; they lie chiefly in the valley. On e of the school trustess, who also was seperintendent of a mine extended me an invitation to go down into one. He gave me the choi either to go into a slope, or down a shaft nine hundred feet. I accordingly chose the former, being advised by a friend that it would be a more comfortable journey, and would see quite as much as would be neces While preparing to descend, I ob served a group of boys, who should have been in school, watching me closely. They resembled imps from the lower regions, for their faces were black as midnight from contact with the coal and its dust. " Boys, what makes you so dirty?" I asked. "We work in the breakers over there." "How much do you earn a day?" "About seventy-five "Don't you want to go to school? cents." "Yes, sir, but we've got to work for awhile yet, maybe we'll go bimeby." My guide approached, and with a sign from him, I fol-

"Down in a coal mine, Underneath the ground, Where they dig the dusky diamonds All the year 'round."

After going about a hundred feet in the slope, a lighted lamp was placed in my hand, and then we travelled from one chamber to another, going down deeper at every step, until we were about 400 feet beneath the earth's surface, and nearly a mile from the opening. There were mules dragging loads of coal in different directions on tramways, and guided by no other light save the flame from the driver's lamp. Those strong and patient animals having a home in the darkome regions continually, never being brought above ground, except to bury their dead bodies.

There we saw a small boy curled up in corner, sitting solitary and alone with his lamp fixed to the front of his cap and apparantly doing duty of some kind. "What is he doing there?" I asked. "He is keeping this door shut." "Don't you see," said my guide, "that if this door was left open little while, much of the fresh air, which is very precious, would be wasted in a different direction, going through this passage altogether, and leaving the miners to suffer for want of it, in the other openings,' " Is not the little fellow lonesome?" "Oh no! He is quite used to it; he has been guarding that door for the last six months.'

Then my guide explained, how fresh air as pumped into the mines, and a free circulation kept up through miles of underground passage ways. The air was certainly fresh and pure, and the mine dry and comfortable. Just then I discovered that my lamp was not a safety or Davy lamp, and felt somewhat uneasy about proceeding farther into the bowels of the earth. I began to suspect that there was fire damp around and requested to be brought back to the light of day. My fears were laughed at and I was urged to follow on, "for," said my guide, "I am going wire gauze and gives but a feeble light, but the man has sharp sight and he knows the ground; he travels miles through the mine on his lonesome but dangerous errand; the damp, if their is any, communicates with the inside the wire gauze, but it does not explode nor ingite the surrounding gas. He at once takes his coat and scatters the dangerous element, by swinging it around in every direction, until he is satisfied that it does not exist in a sufficient quantity to prove troublesome. We have enough gas in these mines to light up New York and Philadelphia for the next twenty years. There is a spot right overhead that it issued from; I stopped it a short time ago. Look out for that car coming along, step this

side of the track. We pay the miners sixty cents per car load, and they average from \$2.25 to \$3.00 per day, working ten hours.

Thus for two hours I groped and stum bled through the coal mines of the Wyoming valley, and surely I came to the surface, wiser but a dirtier man, having fallen twice, and handled various specimens that wen offered for my inspection.

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I next proceeded to examine the engine house, and saw there the mighty wire rope two inches thick winding around the great wooden draw, end drawing to the surface the loads of coal as they were brought to the mouth of the mine. The rope was 2400 feet long, and the steam engine wound and wound it like lightning, to bring up full cars and let down empty ones.

te take you to Scranton by the underground road. Scranton, you know, is ten miles from here." "Can you reach that place through "Why yes, certainly," the mines?" the reply; "you can connect from one mine to another, until you find yourself right in the heart of that city, as it were." "But I don' want to take the journey just now, and I am sure that I smell gas or fire; an explosion would be a dreadful thing, and I don't want to die in such a dark and dismal place; and we are so far from any aid if an accident should occur, let us go hack." " Oh non sense!" shouted my conductor, " there is no fire damp here at all, it is the smoke of guapowder that you smell, they are blasting, of in that direction-there, don't you hear it Come along, you big goose, you are safe enough, I have not shown you half through the mine, I must take you three hundred feet below, yet, and show you the rich veins of Red Ash Coal, the finest in the valley This vein that I want to show you now twenty-five feet thick, of the purest coal. "How long has this mine been worked?" asked. "About twenty years, and no double will be worked for twenty years longer." "Have you ha any explosions lately from the fire damp?" "No, I have had charge here now about two years, and I have lost only four men by accidents of that kind. You see, we send down a man called the fire boss, every morning about three o'clock :

takes a Davy lamp along; it is protected be Then to the breakers I was next conducted to see the coal in great lumps, broken up by strong iron teeth, placed in huge rollers, the coal passing between, and then sliding down into a big revolving sieve, resembling the revolver of a squirrel's cage, placed at an inclination of thirty degrees. The small e nut coal coming through the meshes first, at the upper end of the sieve, and the other sizes following the larger or stove and egg sizes coming through at the lower end of this revolving sieve, then lastly sliding along sizes coming through at the lower end of this revolving sieve, then lastly sliding along in gutters and falling into empty cars ready to receive it. Miners say that there is coal enough in the valley to last a thousand years. Three hundred car loads are sent away daily from some of the collieries, the New Jersey Central Railroad taking away the biggist quantity. Coal is delivered here

at \$3 per ton.

I was shown specimens of coal having the impress of various leaves upon them, such as the fern and others; also, a stump of a tree twenty inches in diameter that was petrified

twenty inches in diameter that was petrified into coal. And other specimens variegated with the hues of the rainbow, and stalacties from the mines clear as crystal.

The general impression of those working the mines is, that this location was once the bed of a lake, and that the coal deposits are but the remains of accumulated vegetable matter, petrified into solid masses through chemical changes, bituminous springs and other agencies, the proofs of which seem to appear on every hand.

Dr. Buckland tells us, in speaking of the coal mines of Bohemia, that the most elabor

coal mines of Bohemia, that the most choose the initiations of living foliage bear no comparison with the beautiful profusion of stinct vegetable form with which the gallerie

of those coal mines are overhung.

The spectator feels himself transported, as if by enchantment, into the forests of another world; he beholds trees and forms now usknown upon the surface of the earth presented to his senses almost in the vigor of primoval life; their scale stems and bending senied to his senses almost in the vigor of primeval life; their scaly stems and bending banches with their delicate foliage spress before him, little impaired by the lapse of countless ages, and bearing faithful records of extinct systems of vegetation which began and terminated in times of which those relief are the infallible historians.

JNO. OAKLET.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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A Philadelphia girl has broken her engagement, because her lover "made fun of the Centennial."

A lawsuit between Chicago minstrel managers shows that the foremost performers are paid from \$100 to \$150 a week, besides traveling expenses,

The Edinburgh baby increases the number of Victoria's grandchildren to twenty-seven, of whom twenty-four are still living.

A court in Indiana has recently de-cided that there is no limit to the number of persons whom a girl may sue, simultaneously, for breach of promise.

Two old crows which perch on a tree in Dudley, Mass., every afternoon, and caw until hundreds of others are collected, are called Moody and Sankey.

Last season's peanut crop reached 2,000,000 bushels, valued at \$3,000,000. The oil of the North Carolina nut is said to possess great commercial importance, as it is extensively used as a substitute for almond and olive oils.

Many very good people are annoyed by sleepiness in church. The follow-ing remedy is recommended: Lift the foot seven inches from the floor, and hold it in suspense without support for the limb, and repeat the remedy if the attack returns.

A few years ago the site of the town of Greeley, Colorado, was an uninhabited waste. Now within the limits of a single school district in that town, there is taxable property valued at over half a million dollars.

Two thousand ovstermen, working one thousand vessels, of various kinds, are harvesting the oyster crop near New York City, They estimate the crop at two million bushels, which will return a profit of six or seven hundred thousand dollars.

A Cincinnati dentist has written a book to show that children should be given candy and sugar. He says sweetments preserve the teeth and so endeavors to break down his own

Sergeant Bates was kicked while making his Canadian trip-yes, sir, actually kicked with a cowhide boot, right where his coat-tails gracefully bob, bob! as he travels. Shall Canada be made to pay for this, or shall we pay Canada?

Noah Bishop, a colored man, attended a religious revival at Mount Vernon, Ind., and while at the mourners' bench his divorced wife came to his side. After service he called the woman to his side and struck her a blow with an axe, from which she died in a few hours.

Talk about the crooked streets of Boston. The *Traveller* unblushingly publishes a list of one hundred and seventy-eight names of streets which are duplicated in that city, forty-eight which are triplicated, fifteen which occur in four localities, and five which ocenr in six

A Richmond journal furnishes facts and figures to show that the negroes, obeying a law of their nature, are gradually drifting to the tropical or semi-tropical regions of the country. The editor says the black man's "passage toward the Isthmus of Darien is a matter of philosophical certainty.'

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Tring Park, owned by another of the Rothschild family, is said to be second in the beauty of its garden only to Mentmore; but this I had no time to see. The subtropical gardens, vegetable gardens, the Fountain garden, and the Italian garden occupied us for The first is second, I suppose, hours. only to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew; the second embraces, with the fruit gardens, about twenty acres, the whole proceeds of which are consumed in the mansion.

In one of the numerous graperies, so arranged as to furnish fruit every month in the year, I saw a single cluster of grapes which would weigh six pounds, the berries on which were about the of good, large plums, and the most luscious I ever tasted. Oranges, figs, pineapples, bananas, and other tropical fruits consumed in the mansion, are all grown in the conservatories of Mentmore. When the Baroness is absent yachting in the Channel or at her London house, orders by telegram are sent to Mentmore daily forthe supplies required.

The vases in the Fountain and Italian Gardens cost each £1,000. statuary is all of the most costly kind, executed by the first masters, many of them copies of originals which I saw in the Louvre or in the British museum. The great hall, which from the enseemed to me about 20 by 30 feet, is filled with vases and statuary, Its contents must represent a value of We were not not less than £800,000. less than three hours passing through the rooms. The finish is exquisite, the rooms. and the furnishing of each sumptuous, some idea may be formed of the whole from the furniture of a single bedroom, one of the many great chambers costing £25,000 or £30,000.

In the dining room and baronial hall are furnishing exceeding £200,000 each. Costly cabinets of the time of Louis XIV. of ebony inlaid with ivory or gold; jeweled blocks, made of solid gold; diamonds, rubies, and all sorts of precious stones; walls hung with the costliest tapestry of the time of Louis XIV., or covered with the richneedle-embroidered satin, may give some idea of the wealth lavished on this more than princely mansion. The costliest paintings adorn the walls, and the most skillful and expensive workmanship is displayed upon the

The idea of the Baron seems ceilings. to have been to build and furnish a mansion such as no other person in England, except perhaps the Westminister, could hope to rival.

The stud is said to contain more bred horses than any in the high It embraces thirty-five huners and as many racers. None of which I heard were less in value than £600, while many of them run up into the thousands. Favonius, Macea-roni, and Old Tom, the last patriarch of high bred racers we saw, all winners of famous races. For Favonius £12,000 were refused, and for Maccaroni £7,100 were but recently paid.

I was fortunate in getting an intro-duction to Mentmore through an acquaintance I made in England. grounds are on rare occasions open to visitors, but ordinarily there is no access to the mansion. I saw, I believe, every room in the house except the strong room, where the treasures are kept during the absence of the family Cor. St. Louis Times.

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In the course of a lecture in Boston recently Judge W. I. Gilbert related the following as reported, by the Globe.

"In the Summer of 1862, I had occasion to call on the President in Washington, to urge the claim of an officer, whose pay had been unjustly with-held by the War Department. When held by the War Department. When I entered, Mr. Lincoln was alone. I said: 'I have not called to ask for an office, either for myself or any friend.'
I then went on to cite the facts in the case of the officer. When I had finished, Mr. Lincoln said: 'When you came in you said you did not come to ask for office, but the fact is you bring up a matter which will give me more trouble than any application for office.' After looking over some docu-ments Lincoln added: 'I do not see how the Government of the United States can afford not to pay an officer for rendering it services.' He then indorsed on the officer's commission the following words:

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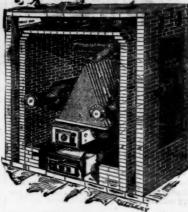
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